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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 23 June 2003 on the above referenced patent application, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks.

1. (Previously Presented) A data management system for automatically maintaining address information in a plurality of subscriber address books, comprising:

means for storing a plurality of subscriber address books, each said address book comprising a plurality of entries, each entry corresponding to a named individual and including at least address data for said named individuals; and

means, responsive to a change in data associated with an identified individual, for propagating said change to ones of said plurality of subscriber address books which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual.

2. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 1 wherein said means for propagating comprises:

C1 means for storing data to delimit which ones of said address books, which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual, are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

3. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 2 wherein said means for propagating further comprises:

means for defining groups of address books, which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual, that are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

4. (Currently Amended) The data management system of claim 1 wherein said individual address data is divided into a plurality of access levels, said means for propagating comprises:

means for storing access level data to delimit which ones of [[said]] said individual data are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

5. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 4 wherein said means for propagating further comprises:

means for defining groups of address books, which contain an entry

corresponding to said identified individual, that are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

6. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 1 further comprising:

means for retrieving data from a public database to verify a set of individual data associated with an identified individual.

7. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 6 further comprising:

means, responsive to said means for retrieving identifying a change in data in said individual data associated with an identified individual, for activating said means for propagating.

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8. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a data management system for automatically maintaining address information in a plurality of subscriber address books, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of subscriber address books, each said address book comprising a plurality of entries, each entry corresponding to a named individual and including at least address data for said named individuals; and

propagating, in response to a change in data associated with an identified individual, said change to ones of said plurality of subscriber address books which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 8 wherein said step of propagating comprises:

storing data to delimit which ones of said address books, which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual, are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 9 wherein said step of propagating further comprises:

defining groups of address books, which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual, that are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of operating a data management system of claim 8 wherein said individual address data is divided into a plurality of access levels, said step of propagating comprises:

storing access level data to delimit which ones of [[said]] said individual data are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 11 wherein said step of propagating further comprises:

defining groups of address books, which contain an entry corresponding to said identified individual, that are authorized to receive said change to said individual data.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 8 further comprising the step of:

retrieving data from a public database to verify a set of individual data associated with an identified individual.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 13 further comprising:

activating, in response to said step of retrieving identifying a change in data in said individual data associated with an identified individual, said step of propagating.

15. (Previously Presented) A data management system for automatically maintaining user data among a plurality of communities, each of which contains a plurality of members, comprising:

means for storing community membership data for a plurality of communities, each said community comprising a plurality of entries, each entry corresponding to a

named individual who is a member of said community and including a set of individual data for each of said individuals;

means for providing a user with access to a set of said individual data of an identified individual who is a member of a same community as said user; and

means, responsive to a change in individual data associated with said identified individual, for propagating said change to all of said plurality of communities in which said individual is a member.

17. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 15 further comprising:

means for defining a set of data sharing permissions, each of which define access by members of a community to a subset of the member's data; and

means for sharing said individual data among predetermined members of each community who are identified by said set of permissions.

18. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 15 further comprising:

means for retrieving data from a public database to verify a set of individual data associated with an identified individual.

19. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 18 further comprising:

means, responsive to said means for retrieving identifying a change in data in said set of individual data associated with an identified individual, for activating said means for propagating.

20. (Previously Presented) The data management system of claim 17 further comprising:

means, responsive to a set of individual data of an identified individual, for generating at least one gift giving selection for said identified individual.

21. (Original) The data management system of claim 20 further comprising:

means, responsive to a user approving at least one of said gift giving selections for said identified individual, for fulfilling said gift giving selection.

22. (Original) The data management system of claim 21 wherein said means for fulfilling comprises:

means for transmitting said gift giving selection to a third party vendor.

23. (Original) The data management system of claim 20 wherein said means for generating comprises:

means for retrieving gift giving selection data from a third party vendor;

means for displaying images illustrative of gift giving selections; and

means, responsive to a user approving at least one of said gift giving selections for said identified individual, for fulfilling said gift giving selection.

24. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a data management system for automatically maintaining user data among a plurality of communities, each of which contains a plurality of members, comprising the steps of:

storing community membership data for a plurality of communities, each said community comprising a plurality of entries, each entry corresponding to a named individual who is a member of said community and including a set of individual data for each of said individuals;

providing a user with access to a set of said individual data of an identified individual who is a member of a same community as said user; and

propagating, in response to a change in individual data associated with said identified individual, said change to all of said plurality of communities in which said individual is a member.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

defining a set of data sharing permissions, each of which define access by members of a community to a subset of the member's data; and

sharing said individual data among predetermined members of each community who are identified by said set of permissions.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 24 further comprising the step of:

retrieving data from a public database to verify a set of individual data associated with an identified individual.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 27 further comprising the step of:

C1 activating, in response to said step of retrieving identifying a change in data in said set of individual data associated with an identified individual, for said step of propagating.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a data management system of claim 26 further comprising the step of:

generating, in response to a set of individual data of an identified individual, at least one gift giving selection for said identified individual.

30. (Original) The method of operating a data management system of claim 29 further comprising the step of:

fulfilling, in response to a user approving at least one of said gift giving selections for said identified individual, said gift giving selection.

31. (Original) The method of operating a data management system of claim 30 wherein said step of fulfilling comprises:

transmitting said gift giving selection to a third party vendor.

32. (Original) The method of operating a data management system of claim 29 wherein said step of generating comprises:

retrieving gift giving selection data from a third party vendor;

displaying images illustrative of gift giving selections; and

fulfilling, in response to a user approving at least one of said gift giving selections for said identified individual, said gift giving selection.
